

Fort Johnston Jan: 12. 1866. One o'clock -

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Josiah H. Benton Ed.  
Feb 24, 1939  
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Since my last of 12 o'clock the boat I sent  
out this morning to reconnoitre the Man of War has  
come back. after I fired at the Man of War's Boat  
she rowed away as fast as she could, & meeting with  
our Boat went along side of her. Our people feared  
as Fishermen & were taken by the Man of War's people  
to be so. From them we learn that there is a 50 Gun  
ship & a 28 Gun ship in the offing, & a Schooner to  
lighten the 50 & that they are in no want of Pilots.  
I send this by Sergeant Redman who was on board of  
our Boat & will answer such questions as you may  
please to put to him - The Pilot Boat is safe & com-  
ing up very fast, but it is impossible to overtake the  
Man of War Boat. I have the honor to be Sir

Yr most obed<sup>t</sup>  
& most aff<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Charles Cottonworth Birchney  
Major of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regt -









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